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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: SIMULTANEOUS
WARNING OF TSUNAMIS (02.09-21)

REF: MOSCOW 8075 (NOTAL)

1. ON JUNE 26 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET
LEADER OF SUBJECT PROJECT POPOV TO HIS US COUNTER-
PART, BERTRAND THOMPSON OF NOAA. INFORMAL EMBASSY
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED
TO EPA FOR SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NUMBER 1911829. KAZAKOV
NOTED THAT SOVIETS PREFER TO DISCHARGE PARTICIPATING
US SCIENTISTS AT GUAM. IF THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, SOVIETS
WILL DO IT IN MANILA ALTHOUGH KAZAKOV NOTED THIS
WOULD BE MORE COMPLICATED BECAUSE BOTH US AND
SOVIET PARTICIPANTS WOULD NEED TO GET PHILIPPINE VISAS.

2. DEAR MR. THOMPSON:

AS YOU KNOW, THE SECOND JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN EXPEDITION
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ON STUDIES OF TSUNAMIS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN WILL START
ON AUGUST 5. WE PLAN TO CONDUCT THE EXPEDITION
ACCORDING TO THE AGREED PROGRAM. HOWEVER, I SHOULD
LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO SOME POINTS:

1. TO RECEIVE THE CARGO AT THE CUSTOMS OFFICE
IN NAKHODKA WE SHOULD HAVE A LIST OF EQUIPMENT 30 DAYS

PRIOR TO THE CALL OF THE SHIP. PLEASE EXPEDITE SENDING
US INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF PIECES, WEIGHT
OF THE CARGO, AND CHARACTER OF THE EQUIPMENT.

2. TO DELIVER THE CARGO TO NAKHODKA WE HAVE MADE A
REQUEST FOR RESERVATIONS OF TWO BERTHS AND ROOM FOR ONE
TON OF CARGO ABOARD THE SHIP "KHABAROVSK" FOR THE
TRIP TO YOKOHAMA - NAKHODKA (AUGUST 1) AND THE
RETURN TRIP (OCTOBER 7) ABOARD "BAIKAL".

3. THE SOVIET SIDE SENT REQUESTS FOR CALLS AT
GUAM AND MANILA. IF THE SHIP WILL CALL AT GUAM
DR. HARVEY CAN LAND IN GUAM BEFORE THE EXPEDITION IS
OVER.

DR. T. MURFY, HAWAII INSTITUTE OF GEOPHYSICS CAN BE
TAKEN ABOARD THE SHIP FOR INSTALLATION OF A COASTAL
MARIGRAPH ON THE KAPINGAMARANGI ISLAND AND THEN
GO ASHORE DURING THE RETURN CALL AT GUAM.

TO SEND THE REQUEST TO MANILA WE SHOULD HAVE THE
NUMBER OF DR. HARVEY'S PASSPORT.

I INFORM YOU THAT ON COMPLETING THE TRIP DR. HARVEY
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT VLADIVOSTOK AND KAMCHATKA
AS THIS VISIT IS NOT PART OF THE PROGRAM OF JOINT
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WORK ON THE PROJECT.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING INFORMATION ON
THE ABOVE MATTERS FROM YOU.

SINCERELY, V. POPOV. TOON

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